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Gov. Beshear announces community development projects for Park City and Elkton

Projects will enhance quality of life, improve safety

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Gov. Steve Beshear today announced \$482,000 in funding for sidewalk improvements in Elkton and Park City. Funding for the projects comes from two federal programs, Transportation Enhancement (TE) and Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS).

“With our investment in these projects for Park City and Elkton, we are underlining our commitment to local communities,” said Gov. Beshear. “We are addressing concerns about safety, connectivity, fitness and overall quality of life in these communities.”

The projects include:

- **Park City** – \$68,000 for the US 31W sidewalk project.
Several businesses and neighborhoods lie along this busy corridor. For many residents, the only way of getting to goods and services is by walking. A significant portion of this stretch either has no sidewalk or has a sidewalk which is in a poor state of repair. The project will improve safety for those walking to the post office, City Hall, Park City Elementary and various shopping destinations. The project will also promote healthier lifestyles by encouraging more walking and will supplement ongoing efforts to improve the aesthetic appeal of Park City.
- **Park City** – \$218,000 for Connecting Our Community sidewalk project.
This project is designed to make Park City Elementary School more accessible for students who want to bike and walk to school. Sidewalk will be replaced on three city blocks. In addition more than three city blocks will get new sidewalk construction. In addition to safety considerations, the overall fitness level of the population will benefit from the improvements, and pollution in the area will be decreased.
- **City of Elkton** – \$196,000 for the South Streets Avenue sidewalk project.
Old, deteriorated sidewalks will be replaced, and the sidewalk system will be extended to areas where they do not currently exist. The installation of curb and gutter for improved

drainage will also provide a safety barrier between the road and the sidewalks. Beautification is also an issue which will be addressed by the improvements, thus encouraging additional economic development and tourism.

“Through effective use of our Transportation Enhancement and Safe Routes to Schools dollars, we are helping communities throughout the commonwealth do great work that will improve the quality of life for our citizens,” said Transportation Secretary Joe Prather. “Elkton and Park City will both experience a boost in their economic vitality as a result of these investments.”

Information about the TE and SRTS programs is available at <http://www.tea21.ky.gov>.

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